

Item 10g: Middle Eastern Studies

1. British and Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) Conference:

The University of Kent will be hosting BRISMES annual conference, 5-9 July 2021. The Theme of the conference is: *Knowledge, Power and Middle Eastern Studies*.

Further information on the conference can be found at: <https://www.brismes.ac.uk/conference/>

2. British Association of Teachers of Arabic (BATA)

BATA series of webinars:

BATA has successfully organised a second series of webinars on the theme of *Blended Learning*, which has attracted a great deal of interest from colleagues in the UK and beyond. The series has brought colleagues together and allowed greater collaboration for sharing, promoting and disseminating best practices and resources across the wide network of teachers in the UK and abroad. Further information on the series can be found at the following link: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-webinars/>

Arabic Language Day: In celebrating the Arabic Language Day (18th December), BATA organised an event on *translating Covid-19* from and into Arabic. The event brought colleagues from the UK and beyond together to discuss strategies and key challenges of translating new terminologies related to Covid-19.

Supporting Arabic language teachers: a resource pack to help and support colleagues in the field has been developed and can be found at the following link: <https://britisharabicteaching.org/textbooks-materials-and-recordings/>

School Teachers: BATA has organised a webinar for School teachers to discuss teachers' attitudes and perceptions of teaching online during Covid-19. The webinar also highlighted key challenges as well as opportunities of teaching online.

BATA Inaugural International Conference (Online): BATA will be holding its Inaugural International Conference on 24 - 25 June, and will be hosted online by the University of Leeds. <https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-conference-24-25-june-2021/>